

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 were rejected in the last office action and have been amended. The claims have been amended in such a way as to describe the present invention more narrowly, itemize the distinct features of the present invention, and to emphasize the differences existing in the present invention over the prior art.

Specifically, the claims had been re-written to positively claim items referred to in the specification, including: that the celebratory text message panel is selected from a group of previously-determined text phrase panels included in the assembly; that the quantity of the recessed round apertures is in the range of one to one hundred ten; that the cover and bottom piece bear colors, graphics, and indicia thereon which relate to a previously-determined celebratory theme; and that the bottom piece further comprises a locking means which functions to allow the cover to engage the bottom piece in a tight and secure fashion.

Thus, reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner consider necessary any formal changes in the specification, claims and/or drawings, it is respectfully asked that such changes be made by Examiner's Amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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